

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application and are subject to a restriction and/or election requirement. The claims as originally presented have been restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-8, drawn to a method of reducing a number of texture samples.
- II. Claims 9-20, drawn to four species. Species I corresponds to Figure 2. Species II corresponds to Figure 3A. Species III corresponds to Figure 3B. Species IV corresponds to Figure 5.

Applicants have already elected Group II. The Examiner has now imposed a further restriction, requiring election of one of the Species I-IV.

Applicants provisionally elect Species I, without traverse, and further submit that claims 9-14 and 21-29 read on Species I. Also, generic claims are submitted as set forth below. Examination of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

Claim 9 reads on Species I and is generic to Species II and III. Figures 3A and 3B are detailed implementation of steps 225 and 240, respectively, of Figure 2. Therefore, claim 9 is generic to Species II and III.

Claim 10 corresponds to Figures 2 and 3A, and is therefore reads on Species I and II. Claim 11 corresponds to Figures 2 and 3B, and is therefore reads on Species I and III. Claims 12 and 13 correspond to Figures 2, 3A, and 3B, and therefore read on Species I, II, and III. Claim 14 corresponds to Figure 2 and therefore reads on Species I and is generic to Species II and III.

New claim 21 corresponds to Figure 3A, and therefore reads on Species I and II. New claims 22-24 are dependent on claim 21, and therefore also read on Species I and II.

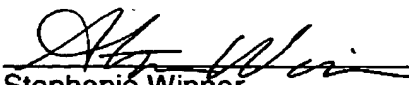
New claim 25 corresponds to Figure 3B, and therefore reads on Species I and III. New claims 26-29 are dependent on claim 25, and also read on Species I and III.

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On March 17, 2005 original claims 9-20 (Group II) were elected by phone in response to a telephonic restriction requirement presented by Examiner Manucher Rahmjoo on March 14, 2005. In response to a second telephonic restriction requirement presented by Examiner Manucher Rahmjoo on March 17, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect Group II, Species I, without traverse. This preliminary amendment presents new claims 21-29. In addition, Applicants respectfully request prosecution of claims 9-14 and new claims 21-29, and withdrawal of claims 1-8 and 15-20 without prejudice.

Therefore, examination of claims 9-14 and claims 21-29 is requested. Applicants reserve the right to subsequently take up prosecution of the claims as originally filed in this application in a continuation, a continuation-in-part and/or a divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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